

It is long past time for the FCC to implement strict, effective telemarketing regulations. Failure to have done so is part of the FCC's disdain for the public in general. Nobody has the right to force their commercial message on me at a time of their choosing and with no compensation to me. We are barraged with commercial messages, but are compensated for many by subsidies to our news and entertainment. We can choose to turn off the TV or not buy a Newspaper. There was no stopping the telemarketers until Indiana's law took effect the first of this year. Everybody I have talked to here and I agree the law is a great improvement. We would be outraged to have a weaker federal law replace it. You have a very poor record in enforcing the weak Act of 1991. That law also contained a number of other anti consumer provisions.

Yes you are receiving many complaints about telemarketers. Yes it is long past time to act in the public's interest. Rather than your weak proposal, you need to model the law after Indiana's proven, effective one. If anything eliminate the exceptions for special interests. Including charities would go along ways in protecting both the public and legitimate charities from scams. Indiana may have also erred in not setting the price for the list high enough to cover costs. The telemarketers should bear the entire cost since they are the only ones that benefit from the abusive practice.